

Newcastle Advisory Group

22nd May 2020

	<p>Present today was: SC, KM, BT, BR, DF, NP, LC, KM</p> <p>Apologies: CF</p>
	<p>Today's meeting was done as a video call using 'zoom'. This is a new way for us to connect and it went well. We agreed for future meetings to be done in this way while we are unable to come together in person.</p>
	<p>The group shared their personal experiences of the lockdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has been positive?• What we have learnt?• What has been difficult? <p>The following are some of the thinking points from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty keeping up to date with the changing rules around the lockdown• Having to get used to new routines and ways of doing things e.g. shopping, paying bills, wearing of face masks etc.• Good support has been available from the community & hubs, particularly for food• Flexible practice by Social Workers to meet people outside and socially distance• How the rights of the person are protected if living with support

	<p>SC is collecting 'lockdown' stories as part of other work he is doing. Anyone wanting to be part of this can contact SC directly.</p>
 	<p>Laura Choake (Newcastle, Commissioning Programme Manager) advised that building work on the new housing and support sites had restarted. Social Work teams working with the identified providers to make plans for people to move in. Delays with the Newburn build mean it will not be complete till end 2021</p> <p>'Just Roaming' technology is in some of the new services. Inclusion North working with the Council to produce accessible information about this for each of the services. They will also be involved with evaluating the use of this technology when the time comes.</p> <p>Citylife Line – 0191 2778000 https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/public-health-wellbeing-and-leisure/public-health-services/coronavirus-covid-19/citylife</p> <p>This is a new service set up with partners in the voluntary and community sector for people wanting to volunteer their time while also providing a service for people to register their need for assistance.</p>
June 26	<p>Next Meeting: The Newcastle Advisory Group will meet on: Friday June 26th 10 – 11.30am</p>



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